GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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PROVIDING URINAL AND LAVATORY FACILITIES IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that about 14% of rural primary schools have only been provided urinal facility whereas lavatory facility is available only in 6.39% of schools;

(b) if so, the reasons for not providing the facilities in all schools;

(c) whether any target has been fixed for providing urinals and lavatories in every rural primary school; and

(d) if so, the time by which these facilities are likely to be provided by the Government in these schools?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) to (d): As per the Sixth All India Educational Survey conducted by NCERT in 1993, the urinal and lavatory facilities were available to the extent of 14.02% and 6.4% respectively in the rural primary schools in the country. Provision for infrastructural facilities is primarily made by the State Governments/UT Administrations. However, Government of India is providing support to improve the physical infrastructure for the primary schools through various Centrally Sponsored Schemes.The District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) has allocations for civil works, the ceiling for which has been increased from 24% to 33% of the project cost. The scheme of Operation Blackboard had a provision for construction of school buildings and other infrastructure facilities and funds for the same were provided under the programmes of the Ministry of Rural Development. Thenewly launched scheme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA)also includes provision for civil works limited to 33% of the project cost. Toilets in primary schools are also being provided through convergence from other schemes, namely, the Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY),and the Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission.